GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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NARMADA CANAL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan has sent any proposal for Rs. 852 crores as additional assistance to complete Narmada Canal Project in the State; and

(b) if so, by when the assistance is likely to be given to the State Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. As per the reference of Government of Rajasthan to the Planning Commission, the Narmada Canal Project is planned to be completed by 2009-10 at a balance cost of Rs. 853.29 crore through a combination of Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) and State funds. For 2004-05, Rs. 275 crore ceiling for Central Loan Assistance has been fixed for Rajasthan under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) including requirement of Narmada canal. Allocation of additional Accelerated Irrigation benefits Programme (AIBP) funds for Narmada Canal Project is linked to total allocation made under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP), budget provision made by State Government for the project, preparing action plan of physical activities proposed linked to budget provision, utilization of past releases and organizational capability to absorb additional funds.